<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicant has made the changes herein to clarify some of the language in paragraphs [001], [002], [003], [004], [006], [007], [008], [0010], [0021], [0037], and [0049] of the specification, remove clerical errors and/or modify the language to more accurately reflect the scope of the invention.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims of this application, the amended claim and the new claim added herein are now in condition for allowance, and that this case is now in condition for allowance of all claims therein. Such action is thus respectfully requested. For the convenience of the Examiner, the claims added to the Specification are made pursuant to newly revised 37 CFR § 1.121.

If the Examiner disagrees with any of the remarks herein, or believes for any other reason that direct contact with Applicant's attorney would advance the prosecution of the case to finality, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below. Consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may now or hereafter be due for this application to GTC Biotherapeutics' Deposit Account No. 502092.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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